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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR GODLEY'S APPOINTMENT

REFS: A) ADDIS ABABA 11997; B) STATE 290706; C) ADDIS
ABABA 11936

1. WHILE DELIVERY OF WRITTEN PAPER COMPRISING POINTS
CONTAINED PARA 2 A-D REF B WOULD ENSURE THAT POINTS WOULD
BE FULLY CONSIDERED BY PMAC, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT DELIVERY
OF WRITTEN POINTS MIGHT MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR PMAC
TO GIVE FAVORABLE RECONSIDERATION TO PREVIOUS DECISION.
WITH OUR POINTS ON THE WRITTEN RECORD, CHANGING THE DE-
CISION MIGHT TEND TO APPEAR TO SOME PMAC MEMBERS AS
KNUCKLING UNDER TO US PRESSURE. IN INTEREST OF MAKING IT
AS EASY AS POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO CHANGE THEIR DECISION,
THEREFORE, WE PREFER TO ADHERE TO ORAL COMMUNICATION OF OUR
VIEWS ACCEPTING RISK THAT SOME OF OUR POINTS MIGHT SUFFER
SOMEWHAT IN TRANSMISSION.

2. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR REITERATION TO KIFLE
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OF REF B PARA 2 A-D POINTS, ALL OF WHICH WERE INDEED MADE

IN SCHAUFLE/KIFLE CONVERSATIONS. HOWEVER, WE ARE PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS THAT OUR POINTS BE REGISTERED WITH PMAC MEMBERS ASAP, BEFORE ANOTHER ADVERSE DECISION TAKEN. ACCORDINGLY, YOU INSTRUCTED PROCEED IN MANNER BEST

CALCULATED TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE.

3. RE REF C, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS AS TO WHETHER ANNOUNCEMENT OF PCV WITHDRAWAL DECISION WOULD BE LIKELY TO AFFECT PMAC DECISION ON GODLEY APPOINTMENT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. ROBINSON

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